

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

amending Council Decision of 18 May 1981 authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with the ACP States referred to in Protocol 7 annexed to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and with India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar to apply in the 1981/82 delivery period

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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Explanatory note

The negotiations on the guaranteed prices for the ACP states for the 1981/82 marketing year, which should have entered into force on 1 July 1981, have not so far been concluded because of the ACP States' rejection of the Community's offer.

At its meeting on 19 October 1981, the Agriculture Council noted that the Commission intended to "continue the negotiations on the basis of the present mandate and at the same time to prepare alternative proposals which it would submit to the Council if the need arose."

The "General Affairs" Council, at its meeting on 26 October 1981, agreed to examine new proposals of the Commission, if the actual negotiations do not succeed.

Since the ACP states have now once more refused the Community's offer, the present proposal is made in order to modify the decision the Council of 18 May 1981¹⁾ in such a way that the Commission can negotiate the guaranteed prices by reference to the percentage increase in the Community's white sugar intervention price for 1981/82 while still remaining within the framework of the provisions of the Protocol on ACP sugar and the Agreement with India.

Accordingly, the attached recommendation for a Council Decision seeks authority for the Commission to negotiate, on a new basis, on behalf of the Community, the guaranteed prices to be applied in the 1981/82 delivery period which began on 1 July 1981.

Financial Implications

This recommendation for a Decision does not involve implications other than those derived from the application of the Protocol on ACP sugar and the agreement with India already taken into consideration within the framework of the management of the common organization of the sugar market.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas it is advisable to modify Council Decision of 18 May 1981 concerning negotiations with the ACP States referred to in Protocol 7 annexed to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and with India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar to apply in the 1981/82 delivery period,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Paragraph 2 of Council Decision of 18 May 1981 is hereby replaced by the following:

2. The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with the representatives of the Member States and in conformity with the following guidelines:

- in respect of the 1981/82 delivery period the guaranteed prices referred to in paragraph 1 shall be negotiated in such a way that the increases do not exceed the percentage increase in the Community's intervention price for white sugar in 1981/82 by comparison with 1980/81,
- the prices thus negotiated shall apply with effect from 1st July 1981.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President